

# HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting – May 15, 2012

### MINUTES

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. The meeting was held at Global Communications Academy at the Lewis Fox building, 305 Greenfield Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Poland called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. A quorum was present.

<u>Present:</u> Matthew Poland, Chair Lori Hudson, Vice-Chair Robert Cotto, Jr., Secretary Mayor Pedro Segarra Elizabeth Brad Noel Luis Rodríguez-Dávila Jose Colon-Rivas Richard Wareing	<u>Absent:</u> Cherita McIntye, Second Vice-Chair
Superintendent Christina Kishimoto	

#### II. Recognition of Students

##### 1. CABE's Student Leadership Award

- Jose Forestier – Bulkeley High School;
- Jahnell Howes – Bulkeley High School;
- Regina Lauray – Bulkeley High School Humanities;
- Emanuel Payan – Bulkeley High School Humanities;
- Lindsay Cadwallader – Classical Magnet;
- Lazaren Llakmani – Classical Magnet ;
- Tyler Fields – University High;
- J'Vaughn Joseph – University High.

##### 2. District-Wide Academic Competition Results

###### ❖ Winning Teams:

- Third Grade Vocabulary -- John C. Clark Elementary School;
- Fourth Grade Math -- Environmental Studies Magnet @ Mary Hooker School;
- Sixth Grade Vocabulary -- Kinsella Magnet School of the Performing Arts;
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Geography -- Batchelder Elementary School;

###### ❖ Individual Competition:

- Fifth Grade Writing and Recitation -- Luis Cruz of Batchelder Elementary School;
- Eighth Grade Writing and Recitation -- Rebecca Duncan of Wish Elementary School.

#### III. Business Agenda

##### A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated:

- a. Dolores Cole to the position of School Quality Officer, effective July 1, 2012.
- b. Miriam Taylor to the position of Executive Director of Parent Engagement and Early Literacy, effective July 1, 2012.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodriguez-Dávila, Wareing  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: Hudson, McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

2. Resolution: Approval of Breakthrough II becoming a *Sheff* Magnet School (The Board)

Mayor Segarra made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded that the Hartford Board of Education approves the conversion of Breakthrough II to a Crandall School, pending legislation, for 2012-13 and then a magnet school in 2013-14. The Board of Education will also approve the early conversion of Breakthrough II as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year if the Crandall legislation is not passed by the State legislature.

Mr. Wareing offered an amendment; Ms. Noel seconded. The amendment read:

The Board of Education approves the early conversion of Breakthrough II as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: Cotto  
Absent: Hudson, McIntye

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

3. Resolution Approval of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School becoming a *Sheff* Magnet School (The Board)

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the conversion of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School to a Crandall School, pending legislation, for 2012-13. The Board of Education will also approve the early conversion of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year if the Crandall legislation is not passed by the State legislature.

Mr. Wareing offered an amendment; Mayor Segarra seconded. The amendment read:

The Hartford Board of Education approves the early conversion of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year.

**VOTE**

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Hudson, McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Ms. Lori Hudson Joined the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

4. Resolution: Approval to Create a Turnaround Response Team for Milner Elementary School (The Board)

Mayor Segarra made a motion; Mr. Wareing seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the creation of a turnaround team inclusive of the Superintendent of Schools, Board member Richard Wareing and the Milner School Governance Council in partnership with Jumoke Academy to respond to the turnaround plan of the State of Connecticut's Commissioner of Education.

**VOTE**

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: Cotto

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Resolution: Approval to Turn Over Quirk West to the City of Hartford for Use By The Hartford Police Department (Mayor Pedro Segarra)

Mr. Poland made a motion to table the item; Mr. Wareing seconded.

**VOTE**

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion to table the item passed unanimously by voice vote.**

6. First Reading: Revised Policy 2151 Approval of Nominees for Administration Appointments (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the Approval of Nominees for Administration Appointments Policy.

A vote was not required at this time.

7. Contract Approval: Milliman Health & Welfare Consultants \$236,833 (Supt. et al)

Milliman is a nationally recognized consulting firm with significant experience with public entities in CT. Milliman services the State of CT and Vermont and received a strong reference from both. Scope of work includes providing overall consulting on the health and welfare program including GASB and OPEB work.

Ms. Hudson made a motion; Mr. Cotto seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the contract renewal with Milliman Consulting for the term delineated in the contract ending June 23, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$236,833.

Mayor Segarra made a motion to table the item. Mr. Rodriguez-Dávila seconded.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion to table the item passed unanimously by voice vote.**

8. Contract Approval: Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth \$65,000 (Supt. et al)

Ms. Noel made a motion; Mr. Wareing seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the contract with Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

9. Renewal of the 245 Locust Street Lease (Supt. et al)

MD Fox Elementary School swing space and High Roads of Wallingford Program are currently occupying the building located at 245 Locust St. in Hartford. The current term of the Lease expired on June 30, 2011. City's Office of Corporation Counsel and the Landlord's counsel have negotiated an expansion of the lease for the term commencing July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2015. All three years have been negotiated at the

same rate of \$987,893.28 per year.

**Mr. Wareing made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded.**

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Mayor Segarra

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

10. Renewal of the 184 Windsor Avenue Lease (Supt. et al)

Pathways to Technology Magnet High School is currently occupying the building located at 184 Windsor Avenue in Windsor. The current term of the Lease expired on August 31, 2007, but its term has been extended through August 31, 2012 by virtue of three amendments to the Lease. City's Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Landlord's counsel have negotiated an expansion of the lease for the term commencing September 1, 2012 and expiring August 31, 2015.

**Mr. Wareing made a motion; Mr. Cotto seconded.**

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Noel, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Mayor Segarra

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**B. Executive Session**

Ms. Hudson made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreements and Personnel Matters; Mr. Colon-Rivas seconded.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The executive session started at 8:48 p.m.

<u>Present:</u> Matthew Poland, Chair Lori Hudson, Vice-Chair Robert Cotto, Jr., Secretary Mayor Pedro Segarra Elizabeth Brad Noel Luis Rodríguez-Dávila Jose Colon-Rivas Richard Wareing	<u>Absent:</u> Cherita McIntye, Second Vice-Chair
Superintendent Christina Kishimoto	

The executive session adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

11. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers Local No. 1018-E, CFEPE, AFT, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded, that the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers, Local No. 1018-E, CFEPE, AFT, AFL-CIO. The Parties reached a tentative agreement on April 25, 2012, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on May 14, 2012.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

12. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – Local 566 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded, that the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Local 566 of Council 4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. The Parties reached a tentative agreement on March 20, 2012, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on March 24, 2012.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**C. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Mr. Poland seconded, that the Board approve the following agenda items:

13. Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated:

- a. Leslyee Frederick to the position of Executive Director of Assessment and Intervention, effective July 1, 2012.

- b. Monica Quiñones to the position of principal, Batchelder Elementary School, effective July 1, 2012.
- c. Timothy Sullivan Jr. to the position of Portfolio Director, effective July 1, 2012.

14. Contract Amendment Approval: MRW Connected, LLC. \$45,000 (Supt. et al)

The additional work of expanding the original scope of work includes additional website pages determined during the design phase of the project.

15. Grant Submission / Acceptance of Funds: Connecticut State Department of Education - Program Improvement Project Grant for the Adult Education Center in Hartford \$34,961 (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to submit the grant application and to accept \$34,961 from the State of Connecticut towards the improvement of English Language Acquisition/Civics Education program.

16. Authorization by the Board of Education: E-Rate Funding - \$472,310.91 (Supt. et al)

That the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to endorse the applications filed by MHIS on behalf of the district for E-Rate funding. Payment of the applicant's share, at a cost of approximately \$472,310.91 is included in the current MHIS allocation budget for 2012-2013.

17. Reauthorization of the Healthy Food Certification Statement (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education adopts the Healthy Foods and Beverages in Hartford Public Schools Policy and submits the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2012-2013 stating "will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013".

18. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on March 2, 2012 (The Board)

19. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2012 (The Board)

20. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on January 12, 2012 (The Board)

21. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2011 (The Board)

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Mayor Segarra, Noel, Poland, Rodríguez-Dávila, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: McIntye

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.